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ANDREW YOUNG

1. THE RAND DAILY MAIL FOR MAY 6 REPORTED THAT USUN AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA LATER THIS MONTH. THE PRESS
REPORT FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE CONTROVERSIAL MR ANDREW YOUNG IS TO
VISIT SOUTH AFRICA IN A FORTNIGHT.

MR YOUNG, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS
WHO RECENTLY CREATED A DIPLOMATIC FURORE BY DESCRIBING
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS ILLEGITIMATE, WILL MEET BLACK
LEADERS, STUDENTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN A TWO-DAY TOUR STARTING
ON MAY 20.

HIS VISIT WILL COINCIDE WITH THE MEETING IN VIENNA BETWEEN
THE U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT, MR WALTER MONDALE, AND THE SOUTH
AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, MR VORSTER.

MR. YOUNG, A FORMER CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, WILL FLY TO THE REP-
UBLIC FROM MOZAMBIQUE AFTER ATTENDING A UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE THERE.

LAST NIGHT, BLACK LEADERS WELCOMED HIS VISIT -- BUT FOR
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DIFFERENT REASONS.
MR THAMI ZANI, PUBLICITY SECRETARY FOR THE BLACK PEOPLES
CONVENTION, WELCOMED THE NEWS AS " A GOOD CHANCE FOR BLACKS
TO PUT THEIR VIEWPOINT".
HE ADDED: " IT DEPENDS ON WHICH BLACK LEADERS MR YOUNG
WILL SEE THOUGH. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE HOMELAND LEADERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF BLACK OPINION".

MR. ZANI SAID THE BPC HAD NOT CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE US. THIS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR WHEN THE BPC TURNED DOWN A US INVITATION TO ITS HONORARY PRESIDENT, MR STEVE BIKO, TO ATTEND A SYMPOSIUM IN AMERICA.

MR. ZANI SAID THE PBC WOULD NOT APPROVE US INITIATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA " UNTIL THE US PUTS REAL PRESSURE TOWARDS BRINGING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THIS COUNTRY".

THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE GAZANKULU HOMELAND, PROFESSOR HUDSON NTSANWISI, SAID HE HOPED MR YOUNG WOULD MEET HOMELAND LEADERS.

"WE WOULD TELL HIM OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACK PEOPLE AND OUR AIM TO SCRAP DISCRIMINATION. I WOULD EXPLAIN THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR THE HOMELAND WAS A LOW PRIORITY.

" THE SCRAPPING OF DISCRIMINATION IN ALL FIELDS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY", PROF NTSANWISI SAID.

MR. YOUNG WILL ARRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE VIEWS OF BANNED PAC AND ANC LEADERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING A 50-NATION CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO ALONG WITH LEADERS OF OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN " LIBERATION MOVEMENTS"

HE IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND ON MAY 20.

US SOURCES SAID IF HE HAD TIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, MR YOUNG WOULD VISIT MR ROBERT SOBUKWE, LEADER OF THE BANNED PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS, WHO HAS BEEN UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN KIMBERLEY SINCE 1969

MR SOBUKWE'S TWO ADULT CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH THE YOUNGS AND STUDYING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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US ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY THAT WHILE VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE WOULD TELL MR VORSTER THAT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THE AREA'S CRISIS, MR YOUNG WOULD DO THE SAME -- BUT IN STRONGER MORE COLOURFUL TERMS. END QUOTE.

2. THE CITIZEN FOR MAY 6 ALSO REPORTED ON THE YOUNG VISIT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MR ANDREW YOUNG, THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA LATER THIS MONTH TO MEET BLACK LEADERS, A US OFFICIAL SAID YESTERDAY.

MR YOUNG, A BLACK AND A FORMER CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, WILL FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE HE WILL BE ATTENDING A UN CONFERENCE.

MR YOUNG WOULD GO TO JOHANNESBURG ON MAY 19 OR 20, THE SAME TIME THAT VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE WOULD BE MEETING MR VORSTER IN VIENNA.

AMERICAN SOURCES SAID YOUNG MIGHT CALL ON MR ROBERT SOBUKWE, LEADER OF THE OUTLAWED PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS, WHO HAS BEEN UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN KIMBERLEY SINCE 1969.

MR SOBUKWE'S TWO CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH THE

YOUNGS AND STUDYING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

MR YOUNG'S SCHEDULE IN SOUTH AFRICA INCLUDES A MEETING WITH BLACK LEADERS, POSSIBLY IN SOWETO; A SPEECH TO STUDENTS AT WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY AND A MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN.

THE US OFFICIAL SAID THERE WERE NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

YOUNG IS STARTING HIS SECOND TRIP TO AFRICA AS UN AMBASSADOR ON MONDAY, FLYING ON AIR FORCE PLANE TO THE IVORY COAST FOR A MEETING WITH ALL AMERICAN AMBASSADORS ON THE CONTINENT.

HE WILL THEN MAKE BRIEF VISITS TO GHANA AND NIGERIA BEFORE FLYING ON MAY 14 TO LISBON TO MEET MR MONDALE, WHO WILL BE EN ROUTE TO VIENNA FOR HIS MEETING WITH MR VORSTER. AFTER VISITING SOUTH AFRICA, MR YOUNG WILL MAKE CALLS IN ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, SUDAN AND POSSIBLY EGYPT. WASHINGTON'S UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST IN SUDAN HAS STEPPED UP IN RECENT MONTHS WITH THE INCREASINGLY PRO-SOVIET STANCE OF NEIGHBOURING ETHIOPIA. END QUOTE. KIRBY

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